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### THE BOARD'S CENSURE.

Citizens' Sanitary Committee on Side of the Inspectors.

At the Board of Health meeting on Tuesday last, Dr. Wood stated that he was forced to kick open the doors of three rooms in the building at the corner of King street and Waikiki road; that in his opinion the inspectors of the district had not done all that was necessary in inspecting the place; that the inspectors ought to have made it a point to look in all rooms in such places on each round of inspection.

Mr. George Manson, the inspector of said district, and O. St. John Gilbert, the sub-inspector, feel that they have been done an injustice by Dr. Wood. Mr. Gilbert states positively that he never missed going into the room occupied by Ah Chong, the man who was taken from this building with the plague, at each inspection, as well as into every other room on the premises. He states that the reason Dr. Wood was compelled to kick down the doors at a late hour on Tuesday afternoon, was because the inhabitants had all been taken away to quarantine and everything had been locked up by them preparatory to leaving.

The committee states that Mr. Manson and Mr. Gilbert have been among the most faithful inspectors and sub-inspectors connected with the committee.

### Extra Band Concert.

In honor of Washington's birthday the Hawaiian band will give an extra concert at the Executive building grounds this evening at 7:30 o'clock with the following program:

PART I.  
Overture—"Washington Birthday"  
..... Claus  
Selection—"Popular Airs"  
..... Conterno  
Vocal Selection—"Il Trovatore"  
..... Verdi  
Four new Hawaiian Songs  
..... Berger  
(a) "Ko Leo," "Mihai Pua."  
..... Miss J. Kellia.  
(b) "Ko Kuwai," "Kuuliwili Iho Au."  
..... Mrs. N. Alapai.

PART II.  
Selection—"American Melodies"  
..... Beyer  
Intermezzo—"Cavalleria Rusticana"  
..... Mascagni  
Finale—"Lucia de Lammermoor"  
..... Donizetti  
Two Marches—"Olympia and Baltimore"  
..... Berger  
"The Star Spangled Banner."

## AUSTRALIAN PLAGUE NEWS

General Improvement of Situation.

### PRECAUTIONS AT SYDNEY

Conference of Premiers—Report From Noumea—Action of Queensland.

ADELAIDE, Feb. 1.—There have been no fresh developments in connection with the bubonic plague here, and the hospital has been practically declared open again.

SYDNEY, Feb. 1.—A suspicious case of illness, believed to be bubonic plague, has been under observation in Sydney since Saturday. A man named Arthur Payne, aged 35, a carter employed at the Central wharf, and residing at Dawes Point, complained of being unwell last Friday, and of having severe pains in his stomach. This was attributed to the warm weather, but the next day he became delirious, and he has been under observation ever since. It was decided today, in order to have the man more completely under observation, to take him to the quarantine station.

The premises in which the man resided were immediately disinfected, and anything which might carry infection ordered to be destroyed.

Dr. Thompson, the president of the Board of Health, states that Payne and his family were quarantined at 9 1/2 suggestion, in order to be on the safe side. At the same time he admits that if the medical men had not been on the outlook for the disease, it is probable that such action would not have been taken.

It was reported this morning that the members of the Payne family are all well at the quarantine station. The patient was removed to the hospital immediately on arrival. He left the launch apparently very weak, and is now reported to have a large lump in the groin.

### Precautions at Sydney.

Further precautions have been taken by disinfecting Payne's premises and surroundings. The Board of Health ascertained today that Payne and his family had been visited by certain of their friends within the past few days, and it was considered desirable, in order to leave no stone unturned to stamp out the plague, that these persons should also be quarantined. This was done. The names of these persons are: Mrs. Holmes (mother of Mrs. Payne), and her daughter, Mary Ann Holmes; Mrs. Mary Ann Smith, and Harold Holmes, aged 5 (grandson of Mrs. Holmes). None of these people showed the slightest trace of disease, and their removal to the quarantine station was simply carried out as an extra precaution against the spread of infection. They are all residents of the neighborhood of Dawes Point, Ferry lane, near Dawes Point, from which the supposed case of bubonic plague was removed to the quarantine station yesterday. All but those persons who had business in the immediate vicinity of Payne's residence had considered it advisable to give the house which had been occupied by the Payne family as wide a berth as possible. A strict watch is kept on the premises by constables, who are relieved every four hours, all night and day.

Whether Payne is really a bubonic plague patient or not cannot be definitely ascertained from the health authorities, who are extremely reticent regarding the matter. It is not supposed that any case of plague has been introduced either from South Australia or New Caledonia. It is rather surmised that rats escaping from some vessels arriving here from Mauritius brought the plague ashore, and that it has been communicated to Payne from a flea or some other insect which had first been in contact with an infected rat. The health authorities evidently have some theory which takes into account rats as a means of spreading the plague, as they have resolved to solicit the co-operation of the men engaged in connection with shipping in informing them of any noteworthy circumstances relative to heavy mortality among rats, or any disposition among these vermin to desert one district for another.

### Premiers' Conference.

SYDNEY, Feb. 1.—At the Premiers' Conference today, attention was given to the bubonic plague and the measures which should be adopted for coping with any outbreak which might occur. It was resolved, in respect of any suspicious cases, such as had arisen at

## MAJOR-GEN. WHEELER ABOARD THE WARREN



### MAJOR-GEN. JOSEPH WHEELER AND DAUGHTER.

Fighting Joe Wheeler is with us again. He and his daughter are passengers aboard the transport Warren, which arrived from Manila by way of Guam yesterday. General Wheeler is in very good health and regrets exceedingly not being able to come ashore and renew acquaintance with many whom he pleasantly remembers from his last visit. After seeing plenty of hard service in the Philippines, the fighting representative from Alabama is on his way home to take his seat in Congress. He sends his aloha to friends ashore.

Adelaide and Sydney, that every precaution should be taken in each of the other colonies, while in the event of it being determined that any case of true plague existed in any one colony each colony should adopt such measures as it might consider desirable for protecting itself. It was also agreed that every colony which might be affected by true plague should supply all information to the others respecting the outbreak, and any developments which might take place.

### A Melbourne Opinion.

MELBOURNE, Feb. 1.—Dr. Gresswell, chairman of the Board of Health, has received a telegram from Dr. Thompson, president of the New South Wales Board of Health, stating that proofs are forthcoming that the man Payne is suffering from bubonic plague. He says: "I have no doubt that the patient was inoculated by a flea, of which there are visible evidences. It may be, therefore, that for the present no other human being are affected." This news confirms Dr. Gresswell's belief that now the plague has secured a foothold in the colonies its presence may be discovered in any part of the continent. Dr. Gresswell states that fleas are recognized carriers of the disease in all places where it has broken out. Sydney will not, however, be declared an infected port unless a number of persons are affected.

### Report From Noumea.

The latest advices from Noumea state that from 16th instant to 23d instant five deaths occurred from the bubonic plague among kanakas, and two white people were placed under observation.

The deaths of four Chinamen from plague are reported from Nepoui.

### Action of Queensland.

Dr. Wray (the Government health officer) has reported to the Government that as South Australia has been declared to be infected with bubonic plague, he advised that it be proclaimed as such, and all vessels arriving in this colony from South Australia be inspected carefully by a qualified Government health officer, and be subjected to twenty-one days' quarantine if deemed necessary by that health officer. Dr. Wray also points out the necessity of guarding against the introduction of the disease overland, as he understood there was considerable intercourse between Queensland and South Australia, near Adelaide, though this, he adds, is a matter for the Central Board of Health to deal with.

In connection with the recommendations of the Board of Health and the advice of the Government medical officer, the Chief Secretary has issued instructions that the health officers at Maryborough, Bundaberg, Mackay, and Townsville are to be specially urged to make the most careful inspection of all labor vessels and others coming from infected or suspected islands or ports before granting pratique. He has also decided that twenty-one days be the period, counting from the day of departure from an infected port or from the convalescence or recovery or death of the last case, if any, on board. Mr. Dickson has also given instructions that resolutions 3 and 4 of the Board of Health should be referred to the Home Secretary. These are: "That cases of plague or suspected plague be forthwith made compulsorily notifiable to the local authority and the Board of Health; and that an efficient

## GOSSIP OF LONDONERS

War and Influenza Are Uppermost.

### AMONG GREAT PERSONAGES

A Woman's Bright Summary of Current Events in the British Capital.

LONDON, Feb. 7.—(Special Correspondence.)—War and influenza are our only topics of conversation. You can understand the change in our mental attitude during the past ten weeks from a sentence I came upon in a court paper this week. It was: "Lord Roberts and his chief of staff, Lord Kitchener, have arrived at the Cape, but it will be some time yet before their influence on the situation is felt. They have to make themselves familiar with the disposition of the forces, and, though they have been studying the plan of campaign on the voyage, there are many details of organization that can only be entered into on the spot, and these will take time to consider, especially those concerning the measures necessary to bring about the British occupation of Pretoria, until which desirable consummation is brought about the campaign will not be concluded." Lord Roberts and his chief of staff have a formidable task before them.

Here you have the intention of our chiefs, and the acknowledgment that, after ten weeks of desperate fighting, in which the very flower of our land and army has been killed, Oom Paul is still the very hard nut that has yet to be cracked. I was told the other day that our officers were so completely ignorant of the topography of the Transvaal that professors from the various universities and schools were being sent on the transports to deliver lectures to officers and men en route to the Cape. The Hon. Walter Rothschild, who has volunteered, and I hear been refused on account of health and size, is one of the few who has any knowledge of the country. In past years, when he was interested in helping the museum in Irving, near which town is the family seat, he went for several protracted expeditions into Southern Africa, and has explored the veldt in many directions. The tyro is led to think the Government would show wisdom in accepting such men as instructors if they are physically disqualified from fighting.

The first distinguished officer to arrive in England from the seat of war is Major General Yule, who is invalided home. This officer, you may remember, successfully conducted the British column from Dundee to Lachy, and succeeded General Sir William Penn Symonds. It was said that worry, anxiety and responsibility and a slight fever were too much for his mental strength, and that his mind gave way. I hear, however, another story that he was ordered to an impossible position, he remonstrated—and obeyed—with the results that he had feared, and he was advised to apply for leave and go home invalided!

Among the other officers coming is Mr. Cornwallis-West, the very young man to whom Lady Randolph Churchill was engaged for a short time; they will probably pass each other at sea, as Lady Randolph sailed on the hospital ship Maine.

The Imperial Yeomanry work is going on splendidly. Each county is getting up a subscription for its own special Yeomanry. Northumberland heading the list with \$200,000 actually collected for the Hussars. An allowance is made of \$325 for each man in the Yeomanry. Of this \$200 go to buy a horse, and the rest for saddle, bridle and khaki equipment; they carry no swords, only rifles and revolvers. The horses are being bought in Ireland and Hungary, because of the fleeciness of animals bred in these countries. A lot of interesting untitled men have joined. Patrick Campbell, seldom heard-of husband of the celebrated actress, is among these. He knows South Africa thoroughly and is a fine shot and splendid rider. Mortimer Meunier, the artist, is going, with the intention of fighting and painting. He, too, is a splendid shot; he has shot for England at Bisley, where the annual army matters take place. He has proved himself a good campaigner in his various journeyings in foreign lands.

The India chiefs are proving their loyalty to the British Crown by one and all offering to England all the assistance in their power as regards supplying both men and horses for use in South Africa. The Government has accepted an offer from the Maharajah

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